

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
APRIL 15, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT Jim Webber, Paul Deziel

ABSENT Sarah Atkins Hoggatt

OTHERS PRESENT Michael Mroz, Mike Johnson, Elizabeth Moline, Nick Vivian

Roll call taken. Chairman Webber called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES MOTION BY Deziel, second by Webber recommend approval of the March 25, 2019 Public Works Committee meeting minutes. MOTION CARRIED.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ACQUISITION OF HIGHWAY 35 BETWEEN STAGELINE ROAD AND HANLEY ROAD Mroz stated the Community Development Department has received an application to rezone the property on the northwest corner of Hanley Road and Old Highway 35 for future multi-family residential development.

Mroz explained that the Old Highway 35 portion is under the jurisdiction of the Town of Hudson and because of the anticipated traffic that would impact the area with future development the Town is asking the City to consider taking over jurisdiction. Mroz stated current conditions of the road are in need of repair estimating between \$50,000-\$70,000.

Elizabeth Moline, acting Town of Hudson Chairman, spoke on behalf of the Town stating that discussions have taken place in reference to the section of Old Highway 35 and the maintenance and proposed future developments. She noted that traffic impact is primarily for access to city owned properties.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE PROPOSED 2019 SIDEWALK INVENTORY Mroz stated quotes from both SEH and Bolton & Menk were provided for engineering services detailing the scope of services involved with a city-wide sidewalk and pedestrian crossing assessment. The estimated engineering costs for the full scope of services were SEH \$28,310 and B & M at \$35,680.

He explained the assessment will identify hazardous sidewalks and non-compliant pedestrian ramps which will then be rated and placed in the interactive GIS mapping system. The overall Committee agreed the assessment will assist with future budgeting of the sidewalk, curb and gutter replacement program. Mroz stated the funding could come from the \$75,000 capital improvement fund for sidewalk replacement.

MOTION by Deziel, second by Webber to recommend approval of the LOE with SEH in the amount of \$28,310.00 to conduct the sidewalk and pedestrian crossing assessment with funding to come from the 2019 Sidewalk Replacement program. MOTION CARRIED.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE RETAINING WALL POLICY Mroz stated discussion with city staff and the city attorney in reference to retaining walls on public and private property has been on-going. He provided a draft policy that would address construction of new and existing retaining walls and also includes the city's responsibilities.

Mroz stated a number of other communities were contacted about the policy. He noted that very few cities have a policy due to the topography, etc. The Committee suggested an overall inventory of city walls be explored and to discuss the homeowner's responsibility pertaining to assessments. This matter was referred to a future meeting agenda.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE STORM WATER POND MAINTENANCE EASEMENT FOR VINE HILLS POND Mroz provided information on the storm pond located on the south side of Vine Street at Diamond Drive. He provided a topographic map of the area noting the center portion of the pond as dedicated to the city, and the other portions owned by the two abutting properties.

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Mroz stated the MS4 permitting requires the city to comply with items related to storm water. Noted the post construction stormwater management is one of the many requirements of the permit noting that maintenance of this pond makes sense due to the city's current responsibilities.

Mroz provided a draft pond maintenance agreement which would provide an easement to the city. Noted the steps to be taken to obtain an easement include cooperation between the city and the property owners. Due to the existing condition of the pond it would be in the best interest of the city to clear the debris and inspect the pond and the city could then take on the responsibility and future upkeep of the pond.

MOTION by Deziel, second by Webber to recommend the city proceed with the maintenance easement agreement with the abutting property owners. MOTION CARRIED.

PROJECT UPDATE Mroz stated the 2018 Street Maintenance is underway. Noted the contractor will be on various streets as weather permits. Noted the 2019 Street Maintenance bid opening will be held on May 2, 2019.

Mroz stated the 2019 Arbor Day celebration will be held in Lakefront Park on Saturday, April 27, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

Mroz stated the Highway 35 Informational meeting was held at City Hall. He stated the design was presented and questions on road closures were addressed. Noted a WI DOT meeting is scheduled Eau Claire on Thursday, April 18 to review the plan for 2021 construction.

Mroz stated city crews are patching pot holes and performing general street maintenance. Noted the street sweeping and street painting will begin as weather permits.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS Webber mentioned whether public transportation should be a Public Works Committee discussion. It was suggested Community Development review the request.

Mroz stated City staff, Hudson Chamber and downtown business representatives met with Advance Disposal on how to incorporate recycling into the downtown area. He stated Advance Disposal agreed to do a pilot program that will provide recycle bins at designated locations.

Deziel questioned other options for composting. Mroz stated past discussions resulted in land space within the city limits not being available in addition to other issues related to compost sites. He noted the curb side yard waste program is available to residents.

Webber recommended the next meeting be held on Monday, May 13, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

MOTION by Deziel, second by Webber to adjourn the Public Works Committee meeting. 6:20 p.m.
MOTION CARRIED.

Submitted by,

Deb Andrews
Public Works Secretary